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1. AMONG THE SUBJECTS WHICH WERE UNDERSCORED DURING RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF ICEM DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY UNHCR WAS USG'S CONTINUING DISAPPOINTMENT OVER VERY LIMITED SUCCESS BOTH ORGANIZATIONS HAVE HAD IN PLACING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES
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IN THIRD COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE REFUGEES CURRENTLY

UNDER U.S. CONTROL. NEITHER ORGANIZATION HAS SHOWN MUCH DISPOSITION TO EMBARK ON A MAJOR CAMPAIGN TO AUGMENT U.S. EFFORTS OR THOSE UNDERTAKEN BY REFUGEES THEMSELVES. NOW THAT THERE IS A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE USG VIEWS THE SITUATION, WE CAN HOPEFULLY PROCEED ON A MORE POSITIVE AND COOPERATIVE BASIS.

2. ICEM DIRECTOR HAS AGREED TO CONVENE AS A MATTER OF HIGH PRIORITY A MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN GENEVA (NOW SCHEDULED FOR SEPT 25) TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT FOR A MAJOR AND RENEWED EFFORT TO PLACE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. NOT ONLY IS THIS EFFORT TO BE CONCERNED WITH TAKING ACTIVE ADVANTAGE OF EXISTING RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES, BUT ALSO WITH GENERATING NEW SPONSORSHIPS AND GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH SPONSORSHIPS. ICEM WILL ALSO BE COMMITTED TO EXPEDITING PROCESSING TIME AND TO MOVING RAPIDLY ON ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION. ON OUR PART IN WASHINGTON, WE WILL FURNISH INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUALS WHO DESIRE THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT AND ANY OTHER DATA ON SKILLS AS MAY BE NEEDED AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES GENERATED THROUGH OUR OWN DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES. UNHCR HAS ALREADY AGREED TO RECEIVE FILES IN NEW YORK ON SELECTED CASES AND HAS PROMISED TO ASSIST IN PLACEMENT. AS A MATTER OF INTEREST, THERE ARE SOME 2,000 CANDIDATES IN U.S. SYSTEM FOR THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT. ON PROCEDURES WE WILL DO OUR UTMOST TO ACCOMMODATE ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTATION WHICH WILL FURTHER THIS EFFORT.

3. WITH THE FOREGOING IN MIND, U.S. MISSION SHOULD PARTICIPATE FULLY IN ICEM'S NEW EFFORTS TO ENLIST SUPPORT OF AND PARTICIPATION BY INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND SHOULD LEND ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE ON CONTINUING BASIS. MISSION SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT BELGIUM HAS AUTHORIZED ENTRY OF ABOUT 50 REFUGEES UNDER AUSPICES OF CARITAS CATHOLICA IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNHCR. SOME OF THESE HAVE ALREADY BEEN SELECTED, BUT ADDITIONAL SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. THERE IS ALSO AN OFFER BY COSTA RICA TO RECEIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UP TO 200 REFUGEES FOR A LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. A

PROJECT IN THE UK FOR 50 MORE REFUGEES IS UNDER INVESTIGATION. IRAN IS LOOKING FOR 500 REFUGEES WITH MEDICAL SKILLS. AFRICA MAY OFFER SOME OPPORTUNITY FOR SELECTED CASES. RESETTLEMENT IN LATIN AMERICA REQUIRES MORE FOLLOW-UP. IF WE PUT ALL THE POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES TOGETHER AND DETERMINE THOSE WHICH ARE PRACTICAL AND

FOLLOW UP ON THEM, THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY OF REALIZING BETTER RESULTS THAN WE HAVE HAD PREVIOUSLY.

4. AS MISSION AWARE, WE ARE IN PROCESS OF REDUCING U.S. CAMP POPULATIONS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE WITH VIEW TO CLOSURE OF CAMPS BY END CURRENT YEAR. AS OF ELEVEN SEPTEMBER, 135,061 HAD ENTERED U.S. SYSTEM, 90,559 HAD BEEN RELEASED IN U.S., 6,077 HAD BEEN MOVED TO THIRD COUNTRIES, AND 38,425 REMAINED IN U.S. SYSTEM. THERE ARE STILL SOME 50,000 REFUGEES IN THAILAND. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO HELP RELIEVE THAT SITUATION. THERE ARE, MOREOVER, MANY OTHER COMPELLING CASES IN PACIFIC AREA WHICH REQUIRE HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATION FOR ADMISSION TO U.S. HOWEVER, WE HAVE UNDERSTANDING WITH CONGRESS THAT TOTAL NUMBER TO BE ACCEPTED FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT IN U.S. MAY NOT SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEED 130,000. THIS FURTHER ILLUSTRATES THE NEED FOR MORE THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT.

5. THERE IS MUCH TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AND IT SHOULD BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PRESSURES TO ACHIEVE A SIGNIFICANT MEASURE OF PROGRESS IN TERMS OF THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT ARE GREAT.

6. MISSION SHOULD ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONTACTS WITH ICEM, UNHCR AND VOLAGS IN CONNECTION THIS EFFORT AND KEEP DEPARTMENT FULLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

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